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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: ACTIVITY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1973

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1. SITUATION

A. HARD DRUGS

THE SITUATION REGARDING ILLICIT HARD DRUGS REMAINS
UNCHANGED.

B. MARIHUANA

1. IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ROUTINE DUTIES THE NATIONAL
GUARD DISCOVERED A SMALL PLANTATION OF 200 FUL GROWN
MARIHUANA PLANTS. A MAN AND HIS TWO SONS WERE ARRESTED
AND ADMIT OWNERSHIP AS QNIIDH CONFESSING THAT THEY
CULTIVATED FOR OVER ONE YEAR AND SOLD TO HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH.

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2. THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, MOSTLY RELATING TO MARIHUANA, WAS INTENSIFIED IN THE LOCAL PRESS THIS MONTH, WITH PROMINENT STORIES REGARDING THE SUBJECT APPEARING IN THE NEWSPAPERS ALMOST DAILY. EDITORIALS APPEARED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

3. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCT 2, VICE PRESIDENT MAYORGA RIVAS STATED THAT "THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE IS ALREADY EVIDENT BECAUSE, NOT ONLY IS IT NECESSARY TO REPRESS DRUG ABUSE, IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO PREVENT IT." HOWEVER, HIS FAILURE TO SPECIFY THE NATURE OF THE GOES "SUPPORT" PROMPTED ONE JOURNALIST TO REMIND THE GOVERNMENT IN A STORY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THAT MORAL SUPPORT IS NOT ENOUGH. THE WRITER URGED THE GOES TO APPROPRIATE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DRUG ABUSE.

II. ACTIVITIES

A. A YOUTH SERVING TIME IN A PENAL INSTITUTION FOR POSSESSION AND SALE OF MARIHUANA WAS DISCOVERED PEDDLING MARIHUANA, AMPHETAMINAS, AND BARBITURATES TO OTHER INMATES. THE DRUGS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO HIM IN BREAD LOAVES BY A VISITOR.

B. AFTER LAST MONTH'S THEFT OF 200 POUNDS OF MARIHUANA FROM A COURT, SEVERAL HUNDRED POUNDS OF THE DRUG WERE INCINERATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE DRUG HAD BEEN STORIED AS EVIDENCE IN PAST CASES AND WAS NO LONGER OF ANY USE OF AUTHORITIES.

C. ONE USC WAS DETAINED BY AUTHORITIES FOR ALLEGEDLY SELLING MARIHUANA TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN AND AROUND THE AMERICAN SCHOOL. REPORTEDLY NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE WAS DEVELOPED AGAINST HIM. HE WAS NEVERTHELESS EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY ON OCTOBER 1. (REF SAN SALVADOR 3654 AND 3684).

D. NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MARTINEZ ATTENDED TWO MEETINGS OF THE SALVADORAN COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE PRESENTION (NCDAP). DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETINGS WERE: (1) TO INTENSIFY THE "ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN"; (2) TO FORM A "FUND RAISING" SUB-COMMITTEE; AND (3) TO ELIMINATE THE "ENFORCEMENT" OR "REPRESSION" ELEMENT FROM THE COMMITTEE BUT CONTINUE TO HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAFETY FORCES AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

E. NARCOTICS EDUCATION AND TRAINING FILMS RECEIVED THROUGH USAID/PSD WERE PRE-VIEWED BY 65 MEMBERS OF THE NEW NCDAP AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES AT THE USIS THEATER LOCATED IN THE US EMBASSY. THESE FILMS WILL BE USED IN THE LOCAL EFFORT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE. THE PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN PRESS AND TV COVERAGE AND WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED.

III. SEIZURES SUMMARY

MARIHUANA; THIS MONTH; THIS CY; TO DATE SINCE 1/72;

BULK; 4; 453; 719;

CIGARETS; 45; 188; 188;

PLANTS; 200; 325; 325;

HEROIN; -; 1 GR.; 1 GR.;

LSD; -; 35 UNITS; 35 UNITS;

IV. EVALUATION

NO CHANGE.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

NO CHANGE.

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